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Basic programme of work of the Council

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2002 and 2003

Note by the Secretary-General

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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2002 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2003 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2001/299)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2002

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (on recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session) (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Group and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on further simplification and harmonization of procedures (General Assembly resolution 56/201, sect. VI)

(b) **Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme**

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. **Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration**

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2001/299)

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the further progress in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 46/182, annex)[1]

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolutions 1997/61 and 2001/21, para. 7, and General Assembly resolution 56/211)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the global campaign for poverty eradication (Council resolution 2001/42, para. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the Council on the integrated and coordinated conference follow-up, in particular the views expressed by functional commissions (General Assembly resolutions 45/264 and 50/227)

(a) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Council decision 2001/320, para. (a), and General Assembly resolution 56/227)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2001

Comprehensive report on the reform of the machinery of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (Council decision 2001/321)

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[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-second session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on improving United Nations informatics systems (Council resolution 2001/24, para. 5)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[1]

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 2001/25)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2001/41, para. 1)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council (Council resolution 2001/27, paras. 3-5, 7 and 23) (under the high-level and coordination segments, as well as agenda item 8 entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B")

Relevant part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council decision 2001/304)

Note by the Secretary-General on the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions (Council resolution 1999/51)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 56/111)[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2001/28, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/28 (para. 18)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2001

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2002

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2001

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2001

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/19 (para. 8)[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2000/227)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including:

- Recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 7)

- Progress report of the Committee on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 1)
- Report on the criteria the Committee proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003 (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 6)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[1]

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-third session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2001/230)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2001/22, para. 4)

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-fifth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decisions 1995/209 and 2001/231)

(g) Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (General Assembly resolutions 53/201 and 56/213)[1]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its tenth meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV), Council decision 2000/232 and oral decision taken by the Council at its resumed substantive session of 2001, on 20 December 2001)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its second session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2001/293)[1]

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/303) on the implementation of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (General Assembly resolution 56/87, para. 8)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-sixth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2001/40 on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 56/125, para. 6)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fortieth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2001/235)

Report of the Secretary-General on further developments concerning the question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the International Labour Organization Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) (Council resolution 2001/20, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on an international plan of action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (General Assembly resolution 56/116, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (General Assembly resolution 56/113)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)[1]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2001/240) (including recommendations regarding the Eleventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders) (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 6)[1]

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fifth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2001/241)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[1]

Oral report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 56/135, para. 31)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91, para. 16, and 55/84, para. 24)

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-eighth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its first annual session (Council resolution 2000/22, para. 5, and Council decision 2001/316)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2003 and list of documents for each agenda item[2]

Substantive session of 2003

A. High-level segment

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2003

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 56/201)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, second regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and annual session (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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[2] It is expected that the following list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2002.

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2001 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 53/192 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[1]

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Coordination, programme and other questions

Calendar of conferences in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2004-2005

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-third session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

Proposed programme budget

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2001/23, para. 5)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Council resolution 2001/41, para. 1)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2001/29, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and Council decision 1982/174)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34), including the final report on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries (Council resolution 2001/43, para. 1)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex, para. 7 (a) (v))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union on the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 56/183, para. 8)[1]

Women in development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women

Public administration and finance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLII) and Council decision 2000/231)

Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its third session (Council resolution 2000/35)

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-sixth session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decision 1995/209)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Energy and natural resources for development

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its third session (Council resolution 1998/46, annex I, and Council decision 1999/276)

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII), 1983/7, 1999/65 and 2001/__ (E/2001/L.52))

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)[1]

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its nineteenth session (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[1]

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-first session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 56/115, para. 16)[1]

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twelfth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rule, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders (General Assembly resolution 56/119, para. 8)[3]

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-sixth session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

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Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91, para. 16, and 55/84, para. 24)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-ninth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[1]

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[3] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council resolution 2001/39, para. 6)

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Council resolution 2000/22, para. 5, and Council decision 2001/316)

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Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments.

Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2002 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2002 should be the representative of a member of the Eastern European States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 14 January 2002 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

By its decision 2001/323, the Council decided to further defer to its resumed organizational session for 2002, in May 2002, the consideration of draft resolution III, entitled "Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", contained in the report of the Commission on its fifth session.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session (E/2001/31-E/CN.16/2001/9)

Provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

By its decision 2001/324, the Council decided to further defer to its resumed organizational session for 2002, in May 2002, the consideration of the draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session and provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee", contained in the report of the Committee on its second session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (E/2000/32-E/CN.14/2000/11)

Application of an intergovernmental organization for consultative status with the Council

The Council will have before it the application for consultative status with the Council of an intergovernmental organization, namely, the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition.

Documentation

Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition to the President of the Council (E/2002/3)

Applications from two intergovernmental organizations for accession to the status of specialized agencies of the United Nations system

The Council will have before it the applications for accession to the status of specialized agencies of the United Nations system from the following two intergovernmental organizations: the International Civil Defence Organization and the World Tourism Organization

Upon receiving the applications, the Bureau of the Council, in accordance with Articles 57 and 63, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, will review and circulate them for the consideration of the Council.

Documentation

Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization to the President of the Council (E/2002/4)

Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2002/5)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2002 and 2003 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2001/299, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2002 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "The contribution of human resources development, including in the areas of health and education, to the process of development".

In the same decision, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2002 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2002.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work for the Council for 2002 and 2003 (E/2002/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2002 (E/2002/2/Add.1)[1]

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

By the text contained in the annex to Council resolution 2001/45 entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance", the name of the Group of Experts was changed to the "Committee of Experts on Public Administration" and changes were made as well in its membership and frequency of meetings. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Council shall be called upon to approve the nomination by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, of the 24 experts constituting the Committee, whose term of office shall be four years.

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2002

	Term expires on 31 December
Andorra	2003
Angola	2002
Argentina	2003
Australia	2004
Austria	2002
Bahrain	2002
Benin	2002
Bhutan	2004
Brazil	2003
Burkina Faso	2002
Burundi	2004
Cameroon	2002
Chile	2004
China	2004
Costa Rica	2002
Croatia	2002
Cuba	2002
Egypt	2003
El Salvador	2004
Ethiopia	2003
Fiji	2002
Finland	2004
France	2002
Georgia	2003
Germany	2002
Ghana	2004
Guatemala	2004
Hungary	2004
India	2004
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2003
Italy	2003
Japan	2002
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2004
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Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against malnutrition addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council*

The secretariat of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition (Spirulina Programme), an intergovernmental organization, that is the depository for the Free Agreement for Cooperation in Scientific Research and Humanitarian Use of Micro-Alga Spirulina as Food and of the Convention for the Use of Food Micro-alga and Inter-University Scientific Research, has the honour to transmit to the President of the Economic and Social Council this application for accreditation as an observer to the Council. The application is prompted by the desire to support the goals of the Council and the United Nations.

In the area of the use of food microalgae, the agreements follow on from:

- The declarations made at the 1974 United Nations World Food Conference, which identified microalga Spirulina as an outstanding foodstuff for the future;
- The action taken by the Governments of China and India to promote awareness of the relevance of food microalgae;
- The reports of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Health Organization (in addition to those of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the European Union) identifying food microalgae as extremely useful.

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The Agreement and the Convention are multilateral and have been registered with the Secretary-General of the United Nations (under Article 102 of the Charter) (Nos. 37542 and 37543); they have been signed by many countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe. They focus on the application of new agricultural technologies (particularly in connection with the use of high-protein, vitamin-rich food microalgae) to combat hunger in developing countries.

The Agreement sets up the Intergovernmental Spirulina Programme, the International Centre for Food Micro-algae against Malnutrition (ICFAM) and the Intergovernmental University Institute of Cooperation (IUIC).

Accreditation as observers to the Council, under rule 79 of its Rules of Procedure, is being requested on behalf of the Intergovernmental Spirulina Programme, ICFAM and IUIC (possibly).

The necessary legal instruments, the full texts of the two agreements (the Agreement and the Convention) and the Contracting Parties' instruments of accession, as well as the corresponding scientific and technical documents, are annexed to this application for accreditation.

The institution of a formal relationship with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), for the purpose of ensuring technological and scientific support, is being requested at the same time.

Accreditation to the Council would unquestionably play a major role in guaranteeing successful completion of the project to combat malnutrition and strengthen inter-university research. It should be noted, moreover, that the FAO unit for the Democratic Republic of the Congo indicates in one of its bulletins (TCP/RDC/6712, November 1999, on setting up a food security and nutrition information system) that it views Spirulina as a foodstuff of great importance and is therefore calling on both international and national organizations to become parties to the Convention.

Annex

The relevance of the organizations concerned to the Council's goals and their financing

(I) The organizations deal with issues of great relevance to the Council's work, such as the eradication of hunger and malnutrition, and promotion of inter-university research among developing countries. They support the goals and the work of the United Nations and its agencies, such as FAO, IFAD and WFP.

(II) The organizations depend on the following different types of income:

(1) Voluntary contributions from member States (the agreements do not stipulate obligatory contributions from member States);

(2) Contributions from public sources (international financial institutions, donor countries, universities and research bodies);

(3) Private donations.

The organizations depend at present on the second and third types of income mentioned above, because member States are in serious economic difficulties owing to their high levels of external debt.

Moreover, these are new organizations, either from a formal viewpoint (they were officially registered with the Secretary-General of the United Nations only in June 2001), or from an operational viewpoint (they have nimble, energetic secretariats, highly qualified staff, and an extensive research network of professionals and special consultants, and they make use of the new Internet technologies).

To achieve their organizations and operational goals, they must be able to rely on dynamic, effective funding. They currently have at their disposal a structural fund of approximately $400,000.

Preventive funds for 2002 amount to $2 million, and the organizations are conducting an ambitious campaign to promote awareness and raise funds, targeting both the public and the private sector.

This is a promising scenario, and the organizations believe they have every reason to be optimistic as they apply to the Council for observer status; all the more so, since the issues involved are so important.

(*Signed*) A. **Manini**
Secretary-General

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Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Defence Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council*

Further to the resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) adopted at its fourteenth session, held in 2000 in Geneva, and in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to request you to place the question of the admission of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO) to the status of a specialized agency of the United Nations on the agenda of the main session of the Economic and Social Council which will take place in 2002.

The ICDO is the intergovernmental organization which federates national civil protection, civil defence, civil safety and emergency management structures as foreseen under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965. In this respect, the States members of the ICDO attach great importance to the development of synergies between this organization and the United Nations system for ensuring protection and assistance to populations in the face of natural and man-made disasters, the safeguard of property and the environment, as well as the sustainable development of our societies.

(*Signed*) Sadok **Znaïdi**
Secretary-General

Annexed:

- Geneva Declaration, Ministerial Conference "Civil Defence, a tool for sustainable development", 2000
- ICDO's brief relating to its admission to the status of specialized agency of the United Nations
- ICDO's Constitution.

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Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations*

I have the honour to recall our meeting in November at United Nations Headquarters when I informed you that the **World Tourism Organization wished to initiate the process of its transformation into a specialized agency of the United Nations**.

Over the years, tourism has become an inescapable phenomenon of today's world. It is now the primary source of international trade receipts. It contributes to development and poverty alleviation, and its cultural, social and environmental impacts are quite remarkable. For these reasons, the World Tourism Organization members believe that the United Nations would doubtless like to increase its involvement in monitoring and managing world tourism development, and consequently, strengthen its relations with the organization it entrusted with this mandate.

This perspective also mirrors the wish of our institution. At its fourteenth session at Seoul, Republic of Korea, and Osaka, Japan, in September 2001, our General Assembly adopted resolution 420 (XIV), in which it states that it "believes that steps should be taken to study the possibility of transforming the organization into a specialized agency of the United Nations system" (annex 1). It is on the basis of the guidelines thus established by the supreme organ of our institution that I am addressing this letter to you and that we are initiating the procedure indicated by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs.

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The World Tourism Organization was established as a result of the transformation, between 1970 and 1975, of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) into an intergovernmental institution. The World Tourism Organization's statutes were approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly of IUOTO in Mexico on 27 September 1970.

From the outset, the World Tourism Organization has aligned itself with the United Nations family, of which it is a "related agency". It was created pursuant to resolution 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 of the United Nations General Assembly (annex 2) which wished to confer on the future institution a "decisive and central role ... in the field of world tourism". Article 3, paragraph 3, of the World Tourism Organization's statutes refers to this "central role" and provides that "in order to establish its central role in the field of tourism, the organization shall establish and maintain effective collaboration with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies".

More specifically, the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization approved by the General Assembly by its resolution 32/156 of 19 December 1977 stipulates that the World Tourism Organization "shall be invited to send representatives to attend in an observer capacity meetings of the Economic and Social Council or its subsidiary organs, conferences convened by it and meetings of the other United Nations bodies which deal with matters of common interest and to participate, with the approval of the body concerned and without the right to vote, in debates on questions of concern to the World Tourism Organization". In addition, the General Assembly in its resolution 36/41 of 19 November 1981 decided that "the World Tourism Organization may participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the General Assembly in areas of concern to that Organization".

In application of these provisions, the World Tourism Organization participates, as the need arises, in the meetings of various organs and committees of the United Nations. The World Tourism Organization's Secretary-General has been called on to address the United Nations General Assembly on several occasions, more recently its Second Committee on 19 November 2001.

The World Tourism Organization has also acquired the status of a specialized agency of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) by virtue of an agreement signed with this body on 15 May 1976. It is on the basis of this agreement that the World Tourism Organization is entrusted with executing a broad majority of UNDP-funded cooperation projects in the field of tourism.

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By virtue of an agreement signed on 23 December 1995 with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and after the organization had revised the internal rules governing the management of its staff with a view to bringing them into line with the United Nations *common system*, the World Tourism Organization staff adhered to this retirement scheme. During my trip to New York, it became clear after consulting with Mr. Moshen Bel Hadj Amor, the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, that there is nothing in our staff regulations that is liable to oppose this new development. Our Executive Council will therefore be invited to draw the corresponding conclusions and formally adopt, at its next session in June

2002, the Statute and Rules of Procedure of the International Civil Service Commission.

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There is also call to mention that the ties linking the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization have become ever closer in recent years and that our members would now like to see this relationship culminate in the acquisition by the organization of the status of a specialized agency of the United Nations.

The World Tourism Organization has also concluded formal cooperation agreements and established working relations with various specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations (UNESCO, WHO, WMO, UNEP, regional commissions, etc.). The transformation of the organization into a specialized agency would be instrumental in terms of enhancing the effectiveness of these cooperation mechanisms under the coordination of the Economic and Social Council, eliminating duplication and increasing synergy. This rationalization would be particularly beneficial considering the extent to which tourism, a multidisciplinary activity by nature, converges with the interventions and competencies of numerous institutions.

Moreover, the World Tourism Organization's principal initiatives have, with increasing frequency, been submitted to the approval of the United Nations, which has entrusted the organization with carrying out a number of activities that concern all the institutions in the system. On 1 March 2000, the United Nations Statistical Commission approved the tourism satellite account methodology prepared by the World Tourism Organization, and at its last session, the United Nations General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, adopted a comprehensive resolution on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism adopted by the World Tourism Organization at its General Assembly in Santiago, Chile, in 1999. In 2002 the organization will coordinate, with UNEP, the activities of the International Year of Ecotourism declared by the United Nations General Assembly, in application of a request formulated by the Commission on Sustainable Development, in the framework of its discussion of tourism during its seventh session in 1999. The organization was associated with the *Earth Summit* held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, with the special follow-up session of the United Nations General Assembly held five years later and with the aforementioned seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. In 2002, it will be one of the United Nations agencies involved in the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.

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The World Tourism Organization Statutes, adopted on 27 September 1970, continue to govern, without notable changes, the operation of our organization.

Attached to this letter (annex 3), as requested by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, is the list of the amendments to the Statutes adopted by our General Assembly and pending ratification, as established by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Depository of the Statutes. None of these amendments has formally come into force for want of ratification by two thirds of our members, as stipulated in article 33 of the Statutes. However, our General Assembly has on several occasions decided to apply certain amendments provisionally, pending their ratification. Also attached to this letter (annex 4) is a certified copy of the Statutes and the Financing Rules, also statutory, including the modifications that have been introduced.

At the conclusion of its last General Assembly, the World Tourism Organization had 139 member States and 6 Associate Members. Its headquarters have been established in Madrid, Spain, since 1 January 1976. As requested, a certified list of these members is attached to this letter (annex 5). The organization also has over 300 Affiliate Members of all types. In compliance with the World Tourism Organization's Statutes, Associate and Affiliate Members participate in the organization's activities on a purely technical and consultative basis and do not take part in the decisions taken by the various organs insofar as these decisions fall within the exclusive competence of the member States in view of the World Tourism Organization's intergovernmental character.

The World Tourism Organization disposes of its own resources and its budget is, for the most part, financed by the contributions of its members on the basis of its own scale of contributions. The organization's finances are sound; it has a financial surplus and no debts. It should be noted that the financial independence that characterizes the organization means that its possible transformation into a specialized agency of the United Nations will not entail any cost for the Organization.

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Pursuant to the aforementioned resolution 420 (XIV) of our General Assembly and in accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, and article VI of the 1997 agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, **I have the honour to request the inclusion in the draft provisional agenda of the next session of the Economic and Social Council an item relative to the transformation of the World Tourism Organization into a specialized agency of the United Nations**. I have addressed a copy of this letter to H.E. the President of the Economic and Social Council.

In accordance with the procedure indicated by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, our Executive Council will be informed of these steps at its next session and will be asked to set up a body to discuss this matter with the ad hoc Committee that will be created by the Economic and Social Council to negotiate the modalities of a possible transformation.

(*Signed*) Francesco **Frangialli**